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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRE-COMPUTING AND USING  
MULTIPLE PLACEMENT COST  
ATTRIBUTES TO QUANTIFY THE  
QUALITY OF A PLACEMENT  
CONFIGURATION WITHIN A  
PARTITIONED REGION

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